

**In the Abstract**

(Currently Amended) An air dryer comprises a base member (1) and a main cartridge (2) attached thereto and contains means (4) for drying and possibly filtering and/or cleaning air passing there through. An intermediate cartridge (3), containing means (11, 12, 14, 15) for drying and possibly filtering and/or cleaning air passing there through, is arranged between the base member (1) and the main cartridge (2).